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**AMENDMENT**

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This Amendment in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2005,  
having a shortened statutory period for response that expires on March 1, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.